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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:)
Kevin W. Young, et al)
Application No.: 09/801,366) Group Art Unit: 3623
Filed: March 6, 2001) Examiner:
For: METHOD PROCESS AND SYSTEM FOR) Robinson Boyce, Akiba K.
OPTIMIZED OUTCOME DRIVEN)
WORKFLOW SYNTHESIS AND)
REDUCTION)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application before action as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A' The invention comprises a method, process and system for synthesizing an optimized process flow, an activity abstraction hierarchy and an instruction set that represents the minimal work to produce at least one outcome. An embodiment of this invention utilized a single set of non-redundant activities and activity dependencies, which has already been derived from an organization's current processes and procedures to produce an optimized work flow with respect to the desired outcomes for a project. To accomplish this, the conditional execution requirements of each activity required to produce a specified outcome are recursively examined to identify the set of activities which must be completed to arrive at the outcome. Starting with the last of these activities, a determination is made as to whether the activity is already present in the subject project work plan. If the activity is not present, but should be, it is inserted into its correct position in the project's work breakdown structure and is linked into the work flow for each predecessor and successor activity already present in the project's work breakdown structure. Working upstream along the process chain from that identified last activity, the process of activity insertion/positioning and work flow linking continues until all activities in the process chain of the outcome have been considered for insertion. Higher level summary activities are also introduced into the project's work

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